

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-11. (cancelled)

12. cancel

13. cancel

14. cancel

15. (Original): A method of compressing a data file using tokens that identify symbol strings stored in one or more dictionaries, comprising the steps of:

determining that two successive symbol strings in a data file are represented by two tokens that are not necessarily different;

determining that the two successive symbol strings are separated only by a space; and

encoding the two successive symbol strings in a compressed data file by arranging the two tokens adjacently, without an intervening space symbol.